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TO GENERAL HAYES FROM CHARGE

1. IN RESPONSE TO YOUR REQUEST, WE DISCUSSED THE HEATING FUEL SITUATION OF THE US FORCES IN GERMANY WITH THE FRG. IN RESPONSE, THE GOVERNMENT INFORMED US THAT IT HAS NO PLANS TO IMPLEMENT ANY SYSTEM OF FUEL ALLOCATION OR PRIORITIES IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

2. IN ANSWER TO OUR REQUEST, THE GOVERNMENT ASSURED US THAT LOCAL MILITARY COMMANDERS WOULD HAVE THE SAME ACCESS AS ANY DOMESTIC GERMAN CONSUMER TO THE LOCAL EMERGENCY FUEL SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION CENTERS BEING ESTABLISHED THROUGHOUT GERMANY. THE GOVERNMENT ASSURED US THAT IT WOULD ASSIST US IF ANY PROBLEM AROSE IN THIS REGARD. IN DISCUSSING THE PROBLEMS YOU ARE FACING DUE TO THE DRASTIC REDUCTIONS IN DELIVERIES BY SEVERAL INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS, THE GOVERNMENT EXPRESSED THE BELIEF THAT SOME OF THESE PROBLEMS MIGHT BE ALLEVIATED BY RENEGOTIATION OF THE PRICE PROVISIONS OF THE PRESENT CONTRACTS.

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3. THROUGHOUT THE CONVERSATION, THE GOVERNMENT WAS

SYMPATHETIC TO THE FUEL SUPPLY PROBLEMS OF THE US
FORCES IN GERMANY AND EXPRESSED A WILLINGNESS TO
DISCUSS SPECIFIC PROBLEMS IN MORE DETAIL AS THE
SITUATION ARISES

4. AS I SAID DURING YOUR RECENT VISIT TO THE EMBASSY,
WE ARE ANXIOUS TO DO ALL WE CAN TO HELP YOU DEAL WITH
YOUR FUEL SHORTAGES AND I HOPE YOU WILL CONTINUE TO
KEEP US INFORMED ABOUT YOUR SITUATION AND TO CALL UPON
US WHENEVER YOU FEEL WE CAN HELP YOU. CASH

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